

THE LOOKOUT

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION



Angeles Chapter

The Annual Great Waterman Mountain Rendezvous is back! Saturday, July 28

You are invited to this the 18th annual event. The informal pot luck will be held on the top of Waterman Mountain, following some great hiking in the area. Plan on spending some time on top getting acquainted and having fun (and eating) as most hikes won't be returning to the cars until late afternoon or early evening. Be sure to bring lots of food and drink to share with other hungry hikers. Find an outing that fits your interest (or needs) from the list below or on the Angeles Chapter or HPS websites:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/> or
<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp> Or just hike up on your own... Rain cancels.

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HPS Fall Festival

Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30

Pot Luck, Camping. Plan to join us for lots of hiking and climbing opportunities followed by an evening potluck party and campfire in our local mountains. Hike to scenic peaks which, for many of us, are in our own

back yard. Plan on staying in the Bandito Campground providing pit toilets, community campfire rings and picnic tables. One \$10 donation covers camping both Friday and Saturday nights. Located at an elevation of 5,800', the days should be warm and the evenings cool. Exit I-210 at State Route 2 and travel north towards the mountains. Proceed 28.5 miles to Three Points and turn left onto 3N17. Continue west 2 miles to the entrance and gate on the left. See HPS website for scheduled hikes <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.htm>. Contact hike leaders for information on a specific hike. If you wish to spend the night at the campground, contact WAYNE VOLLAIRE for reservations.

Saturday, September 29

O: Bare Mountain (6388'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest as part of the HPS Fall Festival celebration. A moderate hike of 5 miles rt on road, trail, and firebreak, 1400' gain, plus 400' on return. Slow to moderate pace. We will have plenty time afterwards to join the HPS pot luck at Bandito Campground. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact Ldr Mat Kelliher Co-Ldrs: Winnette Butler, Stella Cheung, Jim Fleming

Saturday, September 29

I: Copter Ridge (7499'), Mt. Hawkins (8850') and Throop Peak (9138'): Join us for this great hike to 3 peaks in the Angeles National Forest in celebration of the HPS Fall Festival. Totals for the day will be around 10 miles round trip with about 3,200' of elevation gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details.

Saturday, September 29

O: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), Mount Burnham (8997'), Throop Peak (9138'), and Mt. Hawkins (8850'): Join us for this great hike on the Pacific Crest Trail in the San Gabriel Mountain's High Country as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 12 miles, 4000', one-way hike, with a car shuttle.

Sunday, September 30

O: Twin Peaks (7761'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest. A strenuous hike of 11 miles rt on trail, 3200' gain. Slow to moderate pace. This will be an excellent calorie burner hike after the HPS pot luck the night before. Contact leader with recent experience and conditioning. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-Ldrs: Jim Fleming, Stella Cheung, Winnette Butler.

Sunday, September 30

I: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): Join us on this 12 mile, 2200' gain hike on trail and cross country to this peak. This will be a good opportunity to burn of those pot luck calories you may have picked up at the Bandito Campground HPS gathering!

**Hundred Peaks Section
Angeles Chapter
Management Committee Meeting Minutes *Draft***

Meeting Date:3-13-2012
Location: Teleconference.
Attendance: Mark Allen, Karen Isaacson Leverich, Bill Simpson , Wolf Leverich, Pamela Rowe, Wayne Vollaire.

Chair Wolf Leverich called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

January 10 minutes approved.6:35pm (MSP Pamela/Wayne)

January 21 minutes approved.6:38pm (MSP Karen/Pamela)

Committee Reports

-- Treasurer's Report (Sandy Burnside)6:39pm (MSP Pamela/Karen)

Discussion: Financial Gain at Banquet, Pamela
Dinner no-shows benefitted bottom line
Six walk-in also beneficial, Wayne V.

-- Membership Report (Greg de Hoogh). (MSP Pamela/Karen)

See written report.

-- Programs Report: (Wayne Vollaire)

See written report.

1) Banquet: Date: Sat, 21 Jan 2012
Location: The Monrovia, in Monrovia.

Everyone felt positive about the event and the Monrovia. It was noted that servers were blocking views collecting dishes. Maybe a riser for the speakers would help. But this may have been an artifact of the fact that we had the speaker going during the meal, and might not generally be a problem.

2) Spring Fling: Date: Fri-Sun, 20-22 Apr 2012.
Location: Foster Lodge, near Julian.

3) Waterman Rendezvous: Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2012.
Location: Waterman Mountain.

4) Fall Festival: Dates: Fri-Sun, 28-30 Oct 2012.
Location: Bandito Campground near Hillier.

5) HPS Holiday Party: Dates: Fri-Sun, 07-09 Dec 2012. Location: Joshua Tree National Park.

No reservations, yet. Interest in this event. Facts, low participation after Pot Luck Dinner due to cold weather, Wayne Vollaire. Tabled for further discussion

2013 Banquet Planning Jan 12th proposed to distance from long weekend (Martin Luther King Weekend) . Monrovia again. Speakers discussed. Wayne V. will approach Doug Mantle about speaking at 2013 Banquet

-- Outings and Safety: (Gary Schenk)
See written report.

-- Mountain Records (Bill Simpson/Karen Isaacson Leverich)

Merchandise (Dave Cannon). Sales may work well at the events, and maybe we should advertise on the front page of the Lookout. We could also feature the merchandise more on the Website. Advertise the merchandise on the Outings mailing list. Do periodic promotion of specific items.

-- Webmaster report (Karen Isaacson Leverich)
National has finally given HPS beta access to the new Drupal Content Management System.

Minutes taken by Mark Allen



HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – May 2012

By Greg deHoogh

ACHIEVEMENTS:

25 Snowshoes

#22 – Zobeida Arauz – 4/14/12 – Winston Peak

NEW MEMBERS

Francesca Marcus
Aidan Barlow

Jim Hagar
Colonel Butler

DONATIONS

Francesca Marcus – \$26
Zobeida Arauz – \$41
Tom Connery – \$41
Jim Throgmorton - \$50
Harvey Ganz - \$1
Gordon Macleod - \$100
Aidan Barlow - \$11

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

306 Members (258 primary + 48 household)

33 Subscribers

339 Total

Our newsletter, **The Lookout**, is published six times a year. Final dates for receipt of material are February 1 for the March-April issue; April 1 for the May-June issue; June 1 for the July-August issue; August 1 for the September-October issue; October 1 for the November-December issue; and December 1 for the January-February issue. If you write your name on the back of each photo or photo whether digital or film. **When taking remove sunglasses!** If you want the film include a return SASE. Articles may be edited send articles, photos, etc to Joe Young, 12551 - 6730, fax to Joe at (310) 301 - 9642; or email is the property of the Hundred Peaks Section.



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The Hundred Peaks Section Website

is maintained by Wolf Leverich and Karen Leverich. It is accessed at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/>

On this website can be found...

- ◆ HPS Archives
- ◆ Peak List
- ◆ Peak Guides
- ◆ Trip Reports
- ◆ Maps to the peaks
- ◆ Member achievements
- ◆ Summit

- ◆ summaries
- ◆ Advance
- ◆ Schedule
- ◆ Back issues of
- ◆ **The Lookout**
- ◆ Much, much more

The Hundred Peaks Section is on Facebook:
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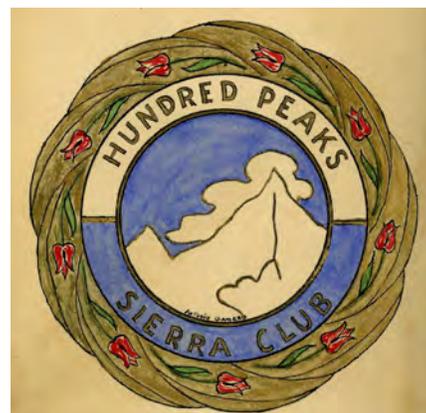
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Mountain Records Committee Report

Chairs: Bill Simpson and Karen Leverich

1. Peak Guide changes.

From Tina Bowman, an adjustment for the Sheep and Martinez peak guides: "The current guide makes it sound as though the turnoff for the trailhead is 15.8 miles from I-10, whereas it's 15.3 from where Monterey crosses 111 and becomes 74 (i.e., 21.3 from I-10)."

From Jim Richter, an adjustment to Eagle Crag, Route 1:

"The instructions for route one indicate the gully is 100 meters past the intersection with the Palomar truck trail. In fact it is about 300 meters. I counted 365 paces from the gully back up to the sign at the intersection. It may also be useful to note that there is a lot of poison oak along the trail."

2. New route to Allen Peak.

Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire have a trip report elsewhere in this Lookout (at least, I think they do!) describing a recent trip to Allen Peak on a new route on trail and road. Unlike the other route, hikers do not need to obtain permission from Bear Paw if using this route to visit the peak. It is 9 miles round trip with 1500' gain. Check it out on our website:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/guides/25a.htm>

2. Adventure Passes. There have been some court rulings that may mean Adventure Passes will no longer be required. As far as we know, however, the Forest Service is still requiring them, so do without at your own risk. They are NOT required on these days:

National Public Lands Day: September 29, 2012

Veterans Day Weekend: November 10-12, 2012

3. Suspensions.

A large portion of the Station Fire Closure reopened, but too late for our May meeting, so the peaks in the reopened areas won't be unsususpended until July at the earliest.

Thus, there are no changes to the list of suspended peaks.

On private land:

03B Black Mountain #3

In recently reopened section of Angeles Forest (see below for more info):

09A Mount Gleason

09B Iron Mountain #2

09C Condor Peak

09D Fox Mountain #2

In area still closed due to Station Fire:

10E Granite Mountain #1

10F Rabbit Peak #1

10G Iron Mountain #3

10H Round Top

11A Josephine Peak

11B Strawberry Peak

11C Mount Lawlor

11D Barley Flats

George Christiansen reports:

Now that 41,000 acres have been reopened in the Big Tujunga Canyon area, consideration to un-suspend areas will certainly follow. John Radalj and I hiked the Condor Peak Trail from milepost 4.50 on Big Tujunga Canyon Road to Condor and Fox on June 5. From milepost 4.50, this is identified as a "use trail" on the peak guide, but it is a fully developed trail that heads east to connect with the main trail. Although the trail is open, the conditions are very rough. The first half mile is cleared and groomed; the next 1 1/2 miles were clipped: and the rest of the way to the saddle just past Fox Mtn. was sporadically covered with grass, wildflowers and other low growth that prevented visibility of the trail surface in terms of seeing rocks, potholes and small washouts. The only problem this caused was very slow hiking, and in a few spots, difficulty in seeing the trail, particularly on one downhill ridge trail that then switched back to an overgrown sidehill trail (the open ridge continued). Some wash crossings were severely washed out. From the saddle just N.W of Fox, the trail to Condor was in excellent condition, as well as the use trail up to Condor. Today (June 11), the L.A. River Ranger District advised that the Trail Canyon Trail was now open with a warning that the trail was washed out in one spot (the gate to the trailhead at Big Tujunga was closed and locked on June 5); and that the Mt Gleason Road (3N17) was open to hiking and mountain biking from Mill Creek Summit, but closed vehicles. In summary, it is still difficult to access these peaks. Via Mt Gleason Road, it would add an additional twenty-two miles R.T. to the "normal" trailhead for Iron, Condor and Fox. Mt Gleason would be eighteen miles R.T. additional plus the short hike (hike-able and certainly a nice mountain bike ride).





Come get high with us.

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities July - November 2012

By Gary Schenk

Tuesday, July 3

I: Mount Harwood (9552'), Mount San Antonio (10,064'): A strenuous walk on paved road, dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 4080' of gain to peaks above Baldy Village. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: DAVE COMERZAN, MARS BONFIRE

Thursday, July 5

O: Ken Pt (6423'): A moderately strenuous walk on PCT and hiker trails for 16 miles round trip with 2600ft of gain to a peak above Palm Desert. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, July 5

O: Mount Williamson (8244'): A moderate hike on trail and rough trail for 5 miles round trip with 1600' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE, DAVE COMERZAN

Friday, July 6

O: Shields Peak (10,680'), Anderson Peak (10,840'), San Bernardino East Peak (10,691'), San Bernardino Peak (10,649'): A very strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 19 miles roundtrip with 4700' of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. High Clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, MARS BONFIRE

Saturday, July 7

I: Cornell Pk (9750'), Jean Pk (10,670'), Marion Mtn (10,320'+), Drury Pk (10,160'+), Folly Pk (10,480'+), and San Jacinto Pk(10,804'): Join this classic San Jacinto Six to 6 fantastic summits in the San Jacinto State Park Wilderness. Fee for Palm Springs Tram. The total hike will be about 14 miles Round Trip with 4,500' of gain. The hike will be strenuous and conducted @ a strong pace. Please bring: Water, Lunch, Lug-soled Boots, Jacket & a Hat. Contact [PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting details & permission to join hike. Experience with Cross-country travel and boulder-hopping required. Leaders: Peter & Ignacia Doggett.

Sunday, July 8

M: Southwell Peak (7840'+), Antsell Rock (7679'): Located on the Desert Divide, 4 miles east of Idyllwild. Will start near the Spittler Peak Trail, this is a strenuous hike of 14 miles round trip, 3600' gain on trail and cross country. Antsell requires some class 2 and 3 climbing. moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact Ldrs: Wayne Bannister, Bill Simpson.

Tuesday, July 10

I: Black Mt #5 (7438'), Split Mt (6835'): Two strenuous walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 11 miles roundtrip with 3699 feet of gain to peaks near Isabella Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Wednesday, July 11

I: Mount Burnham (8997') and Throop Peak (9138'): Hike these two excellent peaks in the Angeles National Forest at a relaxed and steady pace. The total hike will only be 4.0 miles with 2,100' of gain. Some of the route involves climbing a steep use-trail and would not be ideal for beginners. Please bring: Lug Soles, Water, Lunch, and Jacket. Meet at 9am at the La Canada Rideshare location. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett. Hundred Peaks, Local Hikes

Thursday, July 12

I: Thorn Pt (LO) (6920'), San Guillermo (6602'): Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest near Fraizer Park. Thorn is 8 miles round trip, 2000' gain on trail. May see some condors. San Guillermo is 2 miles round trip, 800' gain. HCV required. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire

Friday, July 13 to Sunday, July 15

I: Eight over Ten: Lake Peak (10,161'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'), Bighorn Mountain (10,997'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Jepson Peak (11,205'), Dobbs Peak (10,459'), San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'): Relatively easy 3 day/2 night backpack with strenuous day hiking to reach the peaks at a slow, but steady pace. Travel will be predominantly on trail; however significant cross-country segments across rocky and forested terrain will be necessary to reach several of the peaks. Friday we'll pack up the Fish Creek Trail to Fish Creek Saddle Camp (3.9 miles, 2000' gain) where we'll set up camp, and then hike down to Lodgepole Spring (1.5

miles round trip, 625' loss/gain) to stock up on water for the weekend. Once back at camp we'll either set off for Lake Peak and 10,000K Ridge (2.75 miles, 950' gain) or head up to the nearby summit of Grinnell Mountain (1.2 miles round trip, 480' gain), and then return to camp for Happy Hour and an early night. Saturday will be a strenuous day consisting of 15.3 miles and 5400' of gain; we'll set off in the morning near first light to get Bighorn, Dragons Head, Jepson, Dobbs, and San Gorgonio and then return to camp where we'll revel in our adventures over a hearty Happy Hour under the nearly moonless night sky. Sunday we'll get a leisurely start to go get the peak(s) we didn't get Friday, then we'll return to camp to pack up and then out. Email leader at mkelliher746@gmail.com with recent experience and conditioning for trip status and details. Group size limited by permit. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, JIM FLEMING, PAT VAUGHN

Saturday, July 14, 2012, 7:00 AM

O: Mt. Baden-Powell (9399'), Mt. Burnham (8997'), Throop Peak (9138'): Climb three high peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. A moderate outing at a moderate pace on trail, 10 mi rt, 3000' gain. Meet 7 am La Canada rideshare pt. Bring 10 essentials, lug soled shoes, lunch and water Ldrs: Gary Schenk, Rudy Fleck

Sunday, July 15

I: San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499'), Jepson Peak (11,205') Dobbs Peak (10,459'): Hike the three High Country peaks from the Vivian Creek Trailhead. We will go in via Vivian Creek and return via the Dobbs Ridge. This strenuous hike will be about 16 miles round trip with 6000' gain mostly on good trails with about 2 miles of cross-country following a popular use trail. Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots, sunscreen. Contact Ldrs: Wayne Bannister, Bill Simpson

Tuesday, July 17

O: Morris Pk (7215'): A moderate walk on Pacific Crest Trail and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 2000 feet of gain to a peak near Ridgecrest. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, July 19

O: Twin Peaks (7761'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest just north of Azusa. 11 miles round trip, 3200' total gain on trail. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Suzy Herman

Friday, July 20 to Sunday, July 22 Orange County Sierra Singles, Hundred Peaks

O: San Gorgonio Mountain (11,502'): Join us for a strenuous but easy-paced three day backpacking trip to the highest peak in Southern California. Friday we'll backpack 5 miles with 3200' gain from Vivian Creek Trailhead to High Creek Trail Camp, set up camp and explore the area. Friday evening we'll enjoy Happy Hour as we prepare for an early start Saturday morning hiking to the peak. On our return we'll have another fun Happy Hour before drifting off to sleep. Sunday we'll enjoy a leisurely breakfast and pack out. Experienced backpackers only. Email Fran with recent backpacking experience and conditioning for trip status and

details. Leaders: Sharon Kirk and Fran Penn (fpenn@rutan.com).

Thursday, July 26

O: Wilson (5710'): Join us for a hike of this old favorite in the Angeles National Forest. 14 miles round trip, 3910' gain on trail and road. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Suzy Herman.

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Sunday, July 29 to Friday, August 3 Mule Pack Section, Hundred Peaks

O/I: Virginia Cyn/Return Creek Mule Pack: Hired packers carry gear of 55 lbs per person while we hike separately with only our daypacks. Sun am hike from Big Virginia Lake (9800') 7 mi, 1500' gain, over 11,300' pass to camp at

Return Creek in Virginia Cyn (9600'). Mon-Thu hike, photo, fish, or relax in our beautiful camp. Hiking destinations include minor but pretty peaks and lovely lakes and creeks. Enjoy planned potluck happy hours every night with byob wine, possible campfire. Fri hike out. \$360. Note reserve/cancel policy on p xxx. To apply, email or call with recent high altitude and distance conditioning, health to Co-Leader: LAURA JOSEPH Co-Leader: SANDY BURNSIDE

Tuesday, July 31

O: Palomar Mtn. (6140'), Boucher Hill (5438'): Walk, don't drive to the Lookout at the high point of the Palomar Mtns. Located in San Diego County, 22 miles northeast of Escondido. Estimate 15 miles round trip, 3400' gain. Other route possible. Also, if time and energy permits, will do a short hike to Boucher Hill. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, George Christiansen.

Thursday, August 2

O: Grays (7920'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest near Big Bear. Trail and some cross country. 6 miles round trip, 1200' gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Suzy Herman.

Sunday, August 5 LTC, SPS, DPS, HPS

I: Mount Pinos Navigation: Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: KIM HOMAN

Tuesday, August 7

O: Santa Rosa (8070'), Toro (8716'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest near Palm Desert. Santa Rosa is mostly a drive up. Toro is 3 miles round trip, 800' gain. High clearance, 4WD vehicle advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Suzy Herman.

Thursday, August 9

O: San Sevaine LO(5240ft), Buck Pt(6433ft): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest just north of Fontana. San Sevaine is an easy walk on use trail and brushy trail for 2 ½ miles round trip with 500' of gain. Buck is 1 ½ miles round trip, 400' of gain. Other routes possible. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, George Christiansen.

Saturday, August 11

O: San Bernardino East Pk (10,691'), Anderson Pk (10,840'), Shield's Peak (10,680'+): Very strenuous hike in the San Bernardino mtns involves 16 mi rt and 6,000' gain mostly on trails. Ascent via Momyer trail, descent via Forsee Creek trail. Car shuttle reqd. Bring sturdy boots, lunch, plenty of water and sunscreen. Wilderness permit limits number of participants. Email leaders for info. Co-leaders JOE YOUNG and LAURA JOSEPH.

Monday, August 13

I: Twin Peaks (7761'): A moderately strenuous walk on trail for 11 miles roundtrip with 3200' of gain to a peak near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, August 14

I: Dragons Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mt (10,997'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 19 miles roundtrip with 4600 feet of gain to peaks near Big Bear Lake. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, August 16

I: Apache Peak (7567'), Spitler Peak (7440'): With a car shuttle we intend to do a loop hike with a total of 17 miles rt and 2600' gain. Both peaks are near Mountain Center on the Desert Divide. Call or email leaders a few days in advance. Rain cancels or postpones. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, August 21

I: San Jacinto Pk (10,804'), Folly Pk (10,480'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 12 miles roundtrip with 3000 feet of gain to peaks near Idyllwild. Fee for Palm Springs Tram. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, August 23

I: Drury (10,160'+), Marion (10,320'+), Jean (10,670'): Join us for these three lovely peaks in the San Jacinto area. We will do these peaks via the Marion Creek trail. Estimate strenuous 19 miles, 4800' gain over steep trail and cross country. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Saturday, August 25 to Sunday, August 26

I: Lake Peak (10,161'), Grinnell Mountain (10,284'), Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094'): Join us for a strenuous backpack with a gourmet twist - (21 miles total, 6000' gain) that will include cross-country exploration and a gourmet happy hour. Saturday hike 8 miles and 2800' gain, via Lost Creek Trail to Dry Lake (9065'). Set up camp and enjoy happy hour. Sunday morning hike cross-country 5.5 miles total (2000' gain) to Grinnell Mountain, Lake Peak and Ten Thousand Foot Ridge. Break camp and hike 8 miles back to trailhead. Send hiking resume to tonycebates@yahoo.com. Leaders: TONYCE BATES Co-Leader: VICTORIA OVERBEY

Monday, August 27

O: Timber Mtn (8303'): A moderately strenuous walk on trail for 10 miles roundtrip with 3300' of gain to a peak near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, August 28

I: Sam Fink Pk (7339'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 16 miles roundtrip with 4500 feet of gain to a peak

near Idyllwild. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, August 30

I: South (7840'+): Located on the Desert Divide, 4 miles east of Idyllwild. Will start at Humber Park, this is a strenuous hike of 17 miles round trip, 3600' gain on trail and cross country. Other route possible. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Monday, September 3

O: White Mt #1 (7727'): An easy walk on dirt road for 6 miles roundtrip with 1000' of gain to a peak near Hesperia. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, September 4

I: Mt Harwood (9552'), Mt San Antonio (10,064'): A strenuous walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 4000 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 8:00 AM

I: Twin Peaks (7761'): Strenuous hike in Angeles Forest involves 10 mi rt and 3300' gain (1,100' on return from the summit). Bring water, lunch, sturdy boots. Meet 8:00 AM at La Cañada rideshare point. Co-leaders: JOE YOUNG and LAURA JOSEPH. Local Hikes, 100 Peaks

Thursday, September 6

I: Crafts (8364'), Butler (8535'): Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest, just west-southwest of Fawnskin. We will hike up to Crafts then across the ridge to Butler. Shuttle possible. 8 miles round trip, 1500' gain on trail and cross country. Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Monday, September 10

O: Mt Akawie (7283'), Kratka Ridge (7515'), Mt Lewis (8396'): Three easy walks on dirt road and rough trail totaling 4 miles roundtrip with 1600' of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, September 11

I: Cucamonga Pk (8859'), Etiwanda Pk (8662'): A strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 18 miles with 5000 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, September 11

Annual Business Meeting: All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting, where nominations are finalized for the next year's Management Committee. In addition,

proposals for Bylaw changes, peak additions and deletions and other matters on which members will vote are discussed and votes are taken on whether to put them on the ballot. The business meeting follows the monthly Management Committee meeting. Join us at 6:30 PM for the management meeting; 7 PM for the business meeting. We are meeting at the Ranger House in Griffith Park. The Ranger House is located south of Los Feliz Blvd on the east side of Riverside Drive. It shares a large parking lot with Friendship Auditorium. For directions, contact HPS Chair: WOLF LEVERICH

Thursday, September 13

I: San Bernardino (10,649'), San Bernardino East (10,691'): Strenuous hike on the San Bernardino Ridge northeast of Yucaipa. Estimate 15 miles round trip, 4000' gain on trail. . Pace slow to moderate. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, September 18

O: Thunder Mt (8587'), Telegraph Pk (8985'): A moderate walk on road, trail, and rough trail for 13 miles roundtrip with 3300 feet of gain to peaks near Claremont. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, September 20

I: Palmview (7160'+), Cone (6800'+): Located on the Desert Divide, 8 miles southeast of Idyllwild, this is a moderately strenuous loop hike of 6 miles round trip, 2200' gain on trail and cross country. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Sunday, September 23

I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation: Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Monday, September 24

I: Weldon Pk (6320'): A moderately strenuous walk on PCT, dirt road, and rough trail for 7 miles roundtrip with 1600' of gain to a peak near Mojave. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Cheryl Gill.

Tuesday, September 25

I: Mt Hawkins (8850'), Copter Ridge (7499'): A moderate walk on rough and sometimes steep trail for 9 miles roundtrip with 3400 feet of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, September 27

I: Sunday Pk (8295'), Bohna Pk (6788'): Two peaks north of

Lake Isabella with dirt road driving. The beautiful summit of Sunday is 3 1/2 miles rt on trail, 1000' gain. Bohna is 3 miles rt, 1400' gain on trail and cross-country. Email leader a few days before for meeting time and place. Slow to moderate pace. Ldrs: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Friday, September 28 to Sunday, September 30
HPS Fall Festival: Hiking, Pot Luck, Camping: Fall Festival in the San Gabriel Mountains: Plan to join us for lots of hiking and climbing opportunities followed by an evening potluck party and campfire in our local mountains. Hike to scenic peaks which, for many of us, are in our own back yard. Plan on staying in the Bandito Campground providing pit toilets, community campfire rings and picnic tables. One \$10 donation covers camping both Friday and Saturday nights. Located at an elevation of 5,800', the days should be warm and the evenings cool. Exit I-210 at State Route 2 and travel north towards the mountains. Proceed 28.5 miles to Three Points and turn left onto 3N17. Continue west 2 miles to the entrance and gate on the left. See HPS website for scheduled hikes <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.htm>. Contact hike leaders for information on a specific hike. If you wish to spend the night at the campground, contact WAYNE VOLLAIRE for reservations.

Saturday, September 29
O: Bare Mountain (6388'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest as part of the HPS Fall Festival celebration. A moderate hike of 5 miles rt on road, trail, and firebreak, 1400' gain, plus 400' on return. Slow to moderate pace. We will have plenty time afterwards to join the HPS pot luck at Bandito Campground. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact Ldr Mat Kelliher Co-Ldrs: Winnette Butler, Stella Cheung, Jim Fleming

Saturday, September 29
I: Copter Ridge (7499'), Mt. Hawkins (8850') and Throop Peak (9138'): Join us for this great hike to 3 peaks in the Angeles National Forest in celebration of the HPS Fall Festival. Totals for the day will be around 10 miles round trip with about 3,200' of elevation gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details.

Saturday, September 29
O: Mount Baden-Powell (9399'), Mount Burnham (8997'), Throop Peak (9138'), and Mt. Hawkins (8850'): Join us for this great hike on the Pacific Crest Trail in the San Gabriel Mountain's High Country as part of the HPS Fall Festival. 12 miles, 4000', one-way hike, with a car-shuttle.

Sunday, September 30
O: Twin Peaks (7761'): Join us for a day in the Angeles National Forest. A strenuous hike of 11 miles rt on trail, 3200' gain. Slow to moderate pace. This will be an excellent calorie burner hike after the HPS pot luck the night before. Contact leader with recent experience and conditioning. Ldr: Mat Kelliher. Co-Ldrs: Jim Fleming, Stella Cheung, Winnette Butler.

Sunday, September 30
I: Pacifico Mountain (7124'): Join us on this 12 mile, 2200' gain hike on trail and cross country to this peak. This will be

a good opportunity to burn of those pot luck calories you may have picked up at the Bandito Campground HPS gathering (see Sep 28-30 HPS Fall Festival information). Contact leaders for meeting location.

Tuesday, October 2
I: Middle Hawkins (8505'), South Mt Hawkins (7783'): A moderate walk on trail and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 3500 feet of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, October 4
I: Combs (6193'), Boucher Hill (5438'): Located in San Diego County near Warner Springs. Coombs is 9 miles round trip, 2000' gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Monday, October 8
I: Samon (6227'), Big Pine (6800'+), West Big Pine (6490'), Madulce (6536'): Known as the Big Four, this will be a strenuous 3 night, 4-day backpack in the Los Padres National Forest. Totals for the trip will be 45 miles, 8000' gain. Bear canister will be needed. Rain or poor road conditions cancels. Contact leaders for details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Pat Arredondo, Pat Vaughn.

Sunday, October 21
San Gorgonio Mountain, San Bernardino National Forest, CA 92305, USA I: San Gorgonio Mtn (11,499'), Dragons Head (10,866'), Bighorn Mtn (10,997'): Very strenuous hike involves approx 20 mi rt and 6,000' gain mostly on trail. Bring water, lunch, sunscreen, and sturdy broken-in boots. Wilderness permit limits group size. For info email leaders. Ldrs: JOE YOUNG and GARY SCHENK.

Saturday, October 27
I: Little San Gorgonio Mtn (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'+), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Hike the fantastic Yucaipa Ridge at a Steady, Moderate Pace. This Strenuous hike will not be ideal for beginners. Car-Shuttle needed from Bear Paw to the Vivian Creek trailhead. The entire hike will be about 13 miles Round Trip on trails and dirt roads. Expect 4,200' of gain and 5,800' of descent. Bring: Water, Lunch, Lug-soled Boots, Jacket and a Hat. Contact the leaders PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting information. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Tuesday, October 30
I: Throop Pk (9138'), Mt Burnham (8997'), Mt Baden-Powell (9399'), Ross Mt (7402'): A very strenuous walk on trail and rough trail for 14 miles roundtrip with 4400' feet of gain to peaks near Wrightwood. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Thursday, November 1
I: Lightner (6430'), Bald Eagle (6181'): Join us for a day in the Sequoia National Forest just south of Lake Isabella. Lightner will be Rt. 2, 10 miles round trip, 4500' gain on

motorcycle trail and cross-country. Bald Eagle is 1 ½ miles, 600' gain on use trail and cross-country. Other routes possible. HCV recommended. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: Dave Comerzan and Mars Bonfire.

Friday, November 2

I: Hildreth Peak (5065'): A strenuous walk on rough trail and dirt road for 16 miles roundtrip with 4700' of gain to a peak near Santa Barbara. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: PAT ARREDONDO, MARS BONFIRE

Saturday, November 3

I: Iron Mountain #1 (8,007'): Hike to the most-strenuous peak in Los Angeles County at a strong pace. No beginners, this is a tiger hike. The total hike will be about 14 miles Round Trip with 7,200' on a good trail and then a very steep trail. Contact [PeterDoggett@AOL.com] for meeting info. Please bring: Lug-Soled boots, water, lunch, jacket, hat and extra-stamina. Leaders: Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

Tuesday, November 6

I: Martinez Mtn (6560'): A strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 16 mi rt, 4300' gain to a peak above Indian Wells. Slow to moderate pace. Contact Ldrs: Mars Bonfire, Pat Arredondo.

Thursday, November 8

I: Brush (7040'+), San Emigdio (7495'): Join us for two short hikes in the Los Padres National Forest near Fraizer Park. Brush is 2 miles round trip, 500' gain on road. San Emigdio is 0.2 miles round trip cross country. Other routes possible. HCV required. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 13

I: White Mtn (6250'), Cobblestone Mtn (6733'): A very strenuous walk on dirt road, trail, and rough trail for 16 miles roundtrip with 5800' of gain to peaks near Gorman. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, November 15

I: Three Sisters (8100'): Join us for a hike in the San Bernardino National forest for this lovely peak. 7 miles round trip on road and XC, 1800' total gain. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 20

Frazier Park, CA, USA

I: Antimony Pk (6848'), Eagle Rest Pk (6005'): A very strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 12 miles roundtrip with 5400' of gain to peaks near Frazier Park. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Friday, November 23

I: Black #1 (7,772'), Castle Rocks (8,600'): Two separate hikes in the San Bernardino National Forest just southeast of Banning. Black is 1 mile, 400' gain on road. Castle Rocks is 4.5 miles, 900' gain on trail. Other routes possible. HCV recommended. Dirt road driving. Contact leaders for details: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

Tuesday, November 27

I: Sewart Mtn (6841'), Snowy Pk (6532'), Black Mtn #2 (6202'): A strenuous walk on dirt road and rough trail for 10 miles roundtrip with 3900' of gain to peaks near Gorman. High clearance 4WD advised. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, and 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Mars Bonfire, Dave Comerzan.

Thursday, November 29

I: Asbestos Mtn(5265'): An easy hike on rough trail with rock scrambling for 3miles roundtrip with 1000ft of gain to a peak near Idyllwild. Suitable only for experienced and conditioned hikers. Other routes possible. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow pace. High clearance 4WD advised. Contact leaders for status and details. Leaders: Dave Comerzan, Mars Bonfire.

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Current Trip Reports

Bloomin' Big Four Bash

May 26-28, 2012

By Ignacia Doggett

Expanses of green fields sped by the I-5, dotted with human beings hunched over and picking produce. Hard work made more difficult by the midday sun. I had just left an end-of-school breakfast which had turned into a welcome to retirement affair. I had wanted to say thank you to my colleagues, so I delayed starting for the Big 4 with the other nine (Mat Kelliher, Tanya Roton, Jim Flemming, Winnette Butler, Laura Franciosi, David Baldwin, Stella Cheung, Dominic Alleto Bruce Craig) and was now en route to join the group at Chokecherry Spring. Morning events and views of the San Joaquin valley were juxtaposed with memories of my childhood in Mexico. I was reminded that I've worked to help my family, since I was school age: herding goats at 6; picking cotton at 7; cleaning houses; being a nanny at 12; etc. ending with working for the Dodgers in the early 80's, before I started teaching. My eyes on the road, I was transported to when I was 7, joining my parents and brothers as we walked hunched over picking cotton for hours. Long sacks tied to our waist followed us and grew into monstrous worms as we fed them cotton picked from sharp unfriendly plants. In the bright hot sun, my mother looked back to a small black umbrella at the distant end of the field. There, my 4 year-old sister was to caring for my 2 year old and 1 year old sisters, feeding them water from an old Coca Cola bottle.

Memorial Day weekend traffic moved swiftly on this Friday and I arrived at the trailhead before 2 PM. A few years ago, the drive into Santa Barbara Ranch was ushered by ubiquitous golden fields of flowers, causing participants to check out on the drive out (from a hike to Fox) so that they could photograph and film the flower extravaganza. No such escort this time. Friday was Tanya's birthday, and though Mat and the group had made plans to surprise her that evening, the Big 4 had prepared a celebration of its own. Bedecked in its finest variety of flower and color, it proved to be the most memorable Big 4 of my five visits there.

As I started up the road, a large cloud moved in front of the sun and whipped a cold breeze around me. My original fear, that it was going to be a hot day and I would need to slow my pace, now changed to fear of cold rain. But as I proceeded, I came to feel protected by this cloud, and the breeze became a silky cool caress. Hiking in alone, I had no conversation to distract me, so nature's spectacular had my complete attention. Scarlet buglers trumpeted alongside the road on my way to the potrero, where a field of lilac snap dragons were gathered in welcome.

Continuing on from the junction, tiny horny toads scuttled across the road en masse, intermittently freezing still as I strode by. Brilliant yellow bush poppies

blanketed the canyons north of Samon and west of the road. They adorned the roadcut's slope on my left, some growing out of beautiful red rock now exposed by the effects of fire and erosion.

When I arrived, I put up my tent at the end of the existing line of tents and bivysacks. I then joined Tanya's birthday fête and what became a wonderful ritual each afternoon: gathering together to pump water from a bucket; preparing dinner; and enjoying it as we told jokes and shared stories like "Revenge of the Rabbit". One evening, Dominic read us a John Muir quote about death and rebirth in nature. Friday's festivities, however, belonged to Tanya. Along with a toast, she received a card with a handpainted (by Stella) map of the Big 4.

Saturday, Big Pine and West Big Pine joined our festivities with their own floral display. Though there was substantial after-fire growth near the top of Big Pine, the way from Alamar saddle to the summits was festooned by purple baby blue eyes, purple and white ceanothus, wall flowers, yellow pea, snap dragon, Indian paintbrush, night shade, and a few Chaucer's ding dongs (if you know what I mean ;). We had lunch on West Big Pine, enjoying the dramatic vertical drops and stunning views in pleasantly cool weather.

Sunday, we were unhurried as we wove our way to Samon. First, Jim did the hard work of clipping entwined bushes while I removed burnt chaparral remains and tiny yuccas from the main trail, using George Wysup's technique. Second, Samon hosted its own bloom bash donned in sand morning glory, scarlet buglers, Indian paintbrush, yellow bush poppies, snap dragons, yarrow, phlox and statuesque white yuccas. There were several stops for picture taking from the very start. Winnette volunteered that she had not anticipated that her third time on Samon would actually be an enjoyable experience.

Monday, we rose early to make our ascent of Madulce and, then, return to pack out. Madulce had its share (though not as much as the other peaks) of scarlet buglers, blooming yuccas, miners lettuce, purple lupin, and yellow lupin that dazzled at the top of the switchbacks. Beautifully forested, woodsy and shady, Madulce made for a marvelous morning outing.

Back at camp and finished with lunch, I took the first group out. They were in a hurry and we were back to our cars in 3.25 hours. I then led the caravan back to Maricopa. The long stretch on the 166 and the slow crawl on the I-5, gave me time to reflect on how grateful I felt for having been with this group of people – generous; bright; and, in the face of adversity, no excuse-making or avoidance, just gritty and resourceful.

I was particularly thankful for the people that Memorial Day commemorates, people willing to give their lives in the service of our country, liberty and our way of life. They represent the highest code of conduct, the highest of ideals. I was reminded of President Kennedy's "...ask what you can do for your country."

Although I am no longer a teacher, I continue to have a duty to serve; and to advocate, and fight for high standards, a struggle I led at my school. One can end up with egg on one's face in so doing. But, better that, than being pc, afraid to risk not 'being liked' ["Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company." G. Washington]

High standards bring respect to HPS and serve it in its outreach to others. Low standards bring disrespect and ridicule. I celebrate how Joe Young, Bobcat, and others will not lower their standards for explorers, knowing that inflated ones may give feelings of self-esteem to some, but not self-respect or genuine respect from others. Likewise, I admire those who maintain high standards for their list completions. [I've never taken workmen's comp, even though several injuries landed me in emergency or urgent care (moving classroom furniture, tripping in crowded classrooms, stress migraines) have left me with conditions that I manage 24-7 i.e. the simple act of sitting. My code of conduct, however, says, "If you can play, you can work."] So no amount of pc will make multiple lists, completed all the while collecting workmen's comp for an entry level job, comparable to the lists attained by others while working honorably or collecting the fruits of their labor in retirement. To do so devalues the achievements of those people, and to devalues HPS.

HPS is not just an organization, it's an idea born of Heald, and the ideals of Muir and others before us: Exploring and enjoying our mountains, deserts and other wild places with others; inspiring in us the best of ideals, including stewardship that preserves them not just for us but for future generations.

Allen via the Aqueduct Trail from Forest Falls March 22, 2012

By Dave Comerzan, George Christiansen

I was looking for a pathfinder to this peak. I had done it three times before always from Bear Paw Sanctuary, walking up the road. Evan Welsh, Preserve Manager of Bear Paw Sanctuary, had told Mars Bonfire, my co-leader, about an interesting route that started in Forest Falls. The Aqueduct Trail was made when Edison put in the Aqueduct that goes from Mill Creek; side hills the Yucaipa Ridge at the 5000' contour line, then drops down to the power plant just past the Mill Creek Ranger Station. The force of the water turns the turbines; creating electricity then empties back into Mill Creek. I'm not sure when the aqueduct was put in, but it looks like a number of years ago. Joining us on this adventure was George Christiansen.

Our first challenge was finding the start of the trail. We took State Route 38 to Valley of the Falls Road (Forest Falls Road). Just after the Forest Falls Road crosses the creek, we turned right on Canyon Drive. In a short distance we came to a junction with Prospect Dr. We went to the right, staying on Canyon Drive. Soon it came to an end at a gate that was a distinctive Bear Paw

Sanctuary gate. There was an old, unused road just past the gate; however, it didn't look promising. We drove back to Prospect Dr, turned right, and went around a curve. We saw an opening that looked like it could be the start of a trail; however, we couldn't find a place to park. All the cars were parked either in a driveway or on a lot next to a house. Although we didn't see any signs, we weren't sure if you could park on the street. We decided to drive back to the Bear Paws gate and park in front of it. Evan said it would be ok, as no one uses that road any more. We then walked the short distance back to the curve. We met a local who showed us where the trail started. There is no sign marking the trail. It starts just past a brown cabin with an address of 39393 Prospect Dr. It is obvious that this trail is well used as we saw many footprints in the snow.

The trail is in good shape. There were a few gully crossing that were in poor shape, but could be easily crossed. It had snowed a few days before our hike and there was snow on the trail. It was easy enough to punch through and easy to follow. There are a number of access ports along the trail and you can hear the water rushing by. Because of this, we believe Edison will always keep this trail open. The trail follows the 5000' contour line with some ups and downs, but nothing significant. The trail winds 2.6 miles through oaks and is easy to follow. At 1.6 miles there was a sign indicating it was 1 mile to the road. The trail comes out at a short gully that leads to the road (FS 1S08) from Bear Paw Sanctuary. It comes out just before the last two switchbacks before the Allen-Birch saddle. When we arrived at the road we could have continued on the road to the saddle and then to the peak. We decided we wanted to see more of the trail, so we continued on the trail. It is a little hard to spot where the trail continues on the west side of the road. It is approximately 450 feet going towards the peak. It's hard to spot the beginning of the trail, but if you look closely, you can see it just below the road. Although I have been on this road several times, I have never notice this trail.

The second part of the trail is similar to the first. Again it follows the 5000' contour with some ups and downs. After about 2 miles it comes out on the ridge road (FS 1S09), west of the peak. From there it's about 1½ miles to the start of the use trail to the peak. The use trail had some downfall, but it was easy enough to work around. We returned going back the road to the start of the first part of the trail, then out the trail. We started about 7:45 am and came out at 3:30 pm. Stats were 12 miles round trip, 2070' gain. If we had not taken the second part of the trail, the distance would have been 9 miles round trip, 1500' gain.

It was a beautiful trail and a beautiful day. A couple of things to be aware of is one, parking. You may not be able to park on the streets. If that's a problem, there is a large parking area north of where you turn off of Valley of the Falls drive. Also, in some of the steeper areas, there is the potential of rock fall. A helmet might be advisable in those areas. On a positive note, according to Evan, it is not necessary to get permission

from Bear Paw Sanctuary to walk on their land for this route. If you're tired of the road walk to Allen, then this is the route for you.

An Explorer to Red Mountain

May 3, 2012

By David Comerzan, George Christiansen, John Radalj

In my quest for explorers, I saw what looked like an interesting ridge coming in from the north to this peak. We tried this route back in March; however, we were blown off the mountain by 60+mph winds. For today's, joining me and my co-leader, Mars Bonfire, were George Christiansen and John Radalj. On the way up, John told me this was his 3rd attempt for this peak, the first two being unsuccessful. I was getting a little nervous. Maybe this peak is jinxed for John and whoever is with him. Anyway, it a much nicer day, so things looked good.

Getting to the trailhead was a bit of a challenge. We turned on the Trona Road and went 1.3 miles to Steamwell Road (RM 1444). There is a sign board with maps at this junction. We went 1.7 miles to RM 189. RM 1444 is in excellent shape. Any vehicle could manage it. On RM 189 you will definitely need a HCV, but not 4WD. This is OHV area and the road can be hard to follow in spots. The road goes to the left of bump 3476'. Look for paddle boards. Stay left at all junctions. After 1.4 miles on RM 189, we came to a turnaround spot with a campfire ring in the middle of it. You could park here or go down an incline, going right at the junction at the bottom of the incline and drive another 200yards on this spur road to the beginning of a steep 4WD road. We parked here.

From the trailhead (3730'), we went over this ridge and dropped down into a wash. We followed the wash about a tenth of a mile to the beginning of the ridge running north-south to bump 4824'. We saw some ducks leading up this ridge. Stay to the left of a large rock out-cropping. This route is well ducked. Judging from the shotgun shell we saw, we believe hunters and locals use this route. The portion up to 4824' is steep and loose in spots. Once up to 4824', it levels off and is fairly easy the rest of the way. We saw a nice 2 foot rattlesnake taking in the sun. From 4824', we saw Red and the saddle just before it. We followed the ducks going up a gentle slope to the saddle where we picked up the use trail for Routes 1 and 2. We took the use trail to the peak. We went down the same way.

We started this hike a 9:00 am, reached the peak at 11:00 am and back to the car at 12:35 pm. We did 3 ½ miles round trip with 1700' gain. In my opinion, I liked this route better the other two. It's a little more challenging to get to the trailhead and you need to be careful coming down the steep slope (just ask John). It was a good day and a good hike. And I got another explorer.

Sheep and Martinez Mountains **April 21-22, 2012** **Tina Bowman and Rudy Fleck, Leaders** *By Tina Bowman*

We had eight participants joining the leaders at the Cactus Spring trailhead-- veteran DPSer John Ide and seven WTC students: Rachel Cushing, Chris Doyle, Jim Dunn, Gary Hughes, Kris Kuhlman, Francesca Marcus, and Rick Miller. Uh oh. Not only was the weather going to be quite warm, but it looked like I was the oldest and most broken down member of the group. So my cover excuse was that we would move at a slow but steady pace because of the heat, hiding the fact that I could move faster only if chased by rabid jackalopes or their ilk. I'm sure everyone saw through that excuse, but they were a very generous lot.

They were so generous that they good naturedly went along when I led us the wrong way virtually right off the bat when we started about 7:15. The road went one way and what looked like a trail seemed to parallel it, both in the general direction of the old dolomite mine. Some post was lying split on the ground by the side of the "trail," but there was no sign on it, and I assumed the two would link up. Wrong. Later we saw many more of these posts with "Trail" carved into them. Too bad we hadn't seen one before; I might have gotten a clue from it. (On the way back, I didn't see any lettering on this broken rail.) Take the trail on the right. Of course, I had no memory of the correct way to go from the previous two times I was there, in 1983 and 2005, though presumably I followed the trail. What we did is follow the road till it ended rather abruptly with a view of the mine southeast of us. The trail is on the north side of the mine. Oops. After various apologies, I led us around various pointy plants down the slope and up a small drainage to meet the trail just east of the mine. Ok, that's better. Let's just say I was teaching the WTCers a lesson that they should always pay attention and that leaders are not always right. Besides, they got a bit x-c experience as a taste of more to come when we climbed the peaks.



Clearly I was going slowly when the whole group was together on one another's heels whenever I led. Two members might have been slower had I persuaded them not to carry extra gallons of water from the car. Maybe, but doubtful. It was bad enough to load up at Horsethief Creek for the two miles to our camp near Cactus Spring, let alone carry lots of extra water about three more miles. We weighed packs loaded with water: the heaviest was 52 pounds, lightest 36. Rudy and I both had 48. On we plodded up out of the canyon and into the wash. By the way, before we reached the stream, we crossed two tiny streams, still flowing helped by the past weekend's rain and snow up high. Rudy thought I'd missed our watering spot when we crossed the first one, so I enjoyed calling back, "Not yet, Rudy!" when we crossed the second one. At our camping spot at 10:45, we took an hour to set up camp, eat something, and get ready for our assault on Sheep.

Off we went for Sheep, keeping an eye out for Pat Vaughn's lost GPS. No sign of it. We took several nice, long breaks in a bit of shade and finally wandered to the summit at 1:40. When we had a breeze, it didn't feel so hot; when we didn't, yikes. Though I had a scale with me for the outing, I didn't have a thermometer. My guess is high 80s, low 90s—that's what the NOAA forecast said when I clicked on various points of our route. It was 104 in Palm Desert below us. We stayed about half an hour on the summit, but without shade lingering wasn't all that enticing. Having offered to turn the lead over to someone else, I was pleased that Francesca said she'd give it a go. So down we went with Rudy staying beside her. I trailed along in back. We were back in camp about 3:40.

At 5:00 we gathered for happy hour—lots of goodies making the rounds for an hour or so. Half the group—Rudy, Kris, Rachel, Chris, and Gary--decided to go back to the stream for more water and left on the four-mile round trip about 6:15, back at 8:20. Francesca and I were starting to imagine all sorts of things that could happen and were quite relieved to see the headlamps bobbing our way.

Sunday morning we hit the trail just after 6:00, enjoying the hiking before the sun reached us. Rachel went back to camp not long after the trail turned south towards the saddle west of Martinez, having a foot problem. Not too far below the saddle, Kris decided to wait for us, a bit concerned about the hike out in the heat. Two wise women. I was dragging along behind the group since Rudy was in the lead. We had a bit of miscommunication when I said we could decide between the gully and the ridge route when we got to the base of the gully. What I was thinking of was the DPS guide, which suggests the prominent gully on the north or the ridge just east of it. The ridge Rudy was talking about and led us on was the one from the saddle (described as very brushy in the DPS guide) often used by the HPS. Ah ha! It's very well ducked and not very brushy—a good route. Rudy was on top of the summit block at 8:40. Some of the group stayed below. About 9:15 we started down, with me leading—so we were all pretty much

bunched up again. After a break at the saddle, we soon picked up Kris and tooled along back to camp (Rudy was in the lead again).

We were all ready to go and back on the trail at 12:25, bunched since I was leading. Everyone said they were happy about the slow pace, but they were a very kind and perhaps not very truthful group. We pushed through the heat back to the stream and had a lovely break there. Many of us dipped hats and bandanas in the refreshing water before I led the plod up, mostly, back to the cars. We had some steep sections, usually where there was no breeze, which made keeping on the move challenging. One member of the group was flagging, but that was the heat's doing, not my pace. Besides, we did almost 3800' gain and eleven miles or so on Sunday after 2500' and eight or more (squiggle factor) on Saturday, several miles with pretty heavy packs. We took some nice breaks to help us out the last three miles and admired the wildflowers to keep our minds off the heat. Some were talking about ice cream as a post-outing treat.

We were back to the cars about 3:40 and soon on our way home. Thanks to having a fine co-leader and a great bunch of participants. Everyone did really well.

Thirty Years with Stag Brown

By Joe Young

On Sunday, June 3, 2012 the Hundred Peaks Section offered a special outing called the "first Sunday in June hike with Stag Brown." The first of these special outings was conducted on June 6, 1982, so this marked the thirtieth anniversary of these annual events.

Stagalee Thurston Brown, whom everyone calls Stag, has been a Sierra Club member since the late sixties, and a leader since the early seventies. He began leading for the HPS and for the Griffith Park Section in the mid seventies. Stag and Bob Thompson were prolific leaders on HPS outings, and they have led more than 100 hikes together since the seventies. Stag served for several years on the HPS Management Committee, serving as outings chair, social program chair, and section chair. He was the first person ever to be chosen chair of the HPS twice, in 1983 and 1990. The HPS presented him with the John Backus Leadership Award in 1979, and its highest award, the R. S. Sam Fink Service Award, in 1989. He also received a special award for "motivation" in 1984.

The Angeles Chapter presented Stag with an outings service award in 1979 and with the prestigious Chester Versteeg Outings Award in 2003.

For many, however, Stag is best known for his leadership of adventurous hikes in Griffith Park. Stag has led a hike in Griffith Park every Wednesday since the mid 1970's. Because of his love of Griffith Park, he and his bride Nami chose to hold their wedding at Dante's View in Griffith Park on July 20, 1985. It should be noted that many couples have met each other for the first time as a direct result of participation on a Wednesday hike in Griffith Park with Stag.



In 1982 Stag and Joe Young scheduled an outing “just because” it was the first Sunday in June that year. Since Stag had become known for leading hikes along unusual paths, they decided to bag Sugarloaf Mountain near Big Bear Lake directly from the community of Sugarloaf and via the peak’s west ridge. Although matters got off to a rocky start – Joe had told everyone to meet at “the” Safeway store in Big Bear Lake, not realizing that there were two such stores! – eventually everyone got together and caravanned to the road head and the hike proceeded without incident.

Thereafter, Joe and Stag scheduled a hike each year on the first Sunday in June. Some of the more memorable outings included a brushy ascent of Circle Mountain from highway 138; a hike to Grouse Mountain which happened to be covered with slushy ice following an unusual hail storm the previous day; and a weekend outing of peak bagging which included attendance at the Ojai Musical Festival on the Saturday night between day hikes. Then there was the outing to Lockwood Point and San Rafael Mountain where we completed the hike at around 10 PM, and a hike of Pacifico Mountain during a heat wave (temps 100F +) and we lunched under a wonderful shade tree near the summit.

This year Joe and Stag returned to Liebre Mountain, located east of Gorman in the Angeles National Forest. The route followed the beautiful Pacific Crest Trail almost to the summit. The group

encountered numerous Pacific Crest Trail hikers en route to Canada.

Stag is now an octogenarian, and his adventurousness has mellowed somewhat. However, he still makes the weekly treks to Griffith Park and leads hundreds of people each year, many enjoying their introduction to Griffith Park, some hiking for the first time with the Sierra Club. And he still leads the annual LA XMAS by Night hike, where he and his followers distribute food and clothing to the homeless living on the streets of downtown Los Angeles.

Mark your calendars for June 7, 2013. We don’t know where we will go, but be assured some HPS listed peak will be our destination.



Pat Vaughn testing the “Diving Board” rock before both he and Marlen Mertz sit down for a break right below summit of the Lower Peak Woodson Mtn. HPS Spring Fling, April 22, 2012

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: HOW TO MEASURE AND PLOT BEARINGS ON A MAP

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair



Bearing Practice at Mojave National Preserve

In the last issue, we reviewed the types of compasses available for land navigation. This article will focus on how to use the compass to take and plot bearings on a map.

The principal purpose of the compass is measure bearings. A bearing is the direction from one place to another measured in degrees. The round dial of a compass is divided into 360 degrees. The direction to each of the four cardinal directions, moving clockwise from the top is north, 0° (as well as 360°), east, 90° ; south 180° ; and west 270° .

The compass is used to:

Take/Measure Bearings: This means to measure the direction from one point to another, either on a map or in the field.

Plot/Follow Bearings: This means to set a certain bearing on the compass and then plot it out on the map or follow where that bearing points in the field.

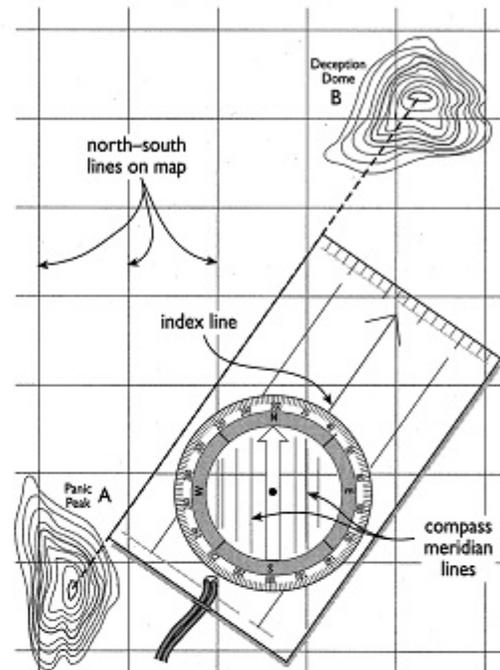
The next page contains detailed instructions on how to measure and plot bearings on the map. When taking or plotting bearings on the map, you are using your compass as a protractor. You need to ignore both the magnetic needle and magnetic declination. Rather than using the magnetic needle, you align the meridian lines on the compass housing with the north-south lines on the map. When taking or following bearings in the field, you must use the magnetic needle.

BEARINGS ON THE MAP

HOW TO MEASURE A BEARING ON A MAP

Taking a bearing from point A to point B on the map.

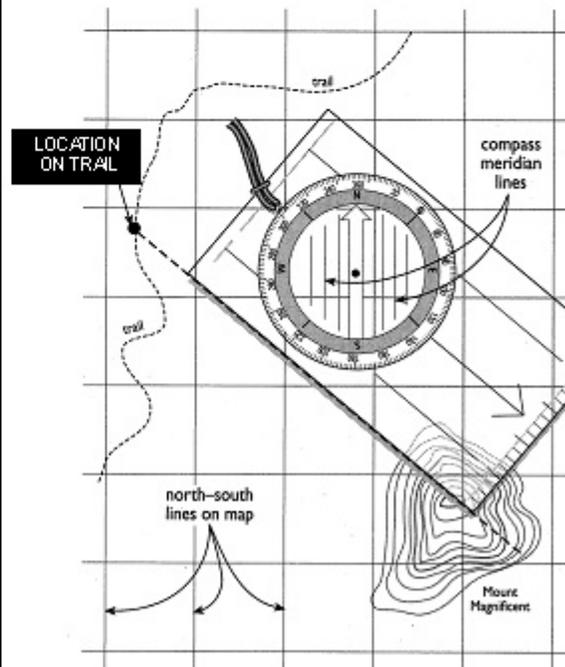
1. Place compass on map with one long edge of base plate joining two points (A and B). If the points are far apart, use a ruler and draw a line between them with a pencil. Place the long edge of the compass along this pencil line.
2. Direction of travel line points to objective (B).
3. Rotate dial to align compass meridian lines with north-south lines on map. *North on compass will always point toward the top of the map.*
4. Read bearing at the index line.
5. The bearing from A to B is 34° .



HOW TO PLOT A KNOWN BEARING ON A MAP

While hiking on trail you want to know where you are on the map. You see Mount Magnificent in the distance and take a bearing to it with your compass. The bearing is 130° . Where on the trail are you?

1. Set desired bearing of 130° on index line.
2. Place compass on map with one long edge of base plate on feature from which you wish to plot bearing (Mount Magnificent).
3. Turn entire compass to align its meridian lines with map's north-south lines, with north on compass pointing toward the top of the map.
4. The edge of the base plate is now the bearing line.
5. You are at the location where the bearing line intersects the trail.

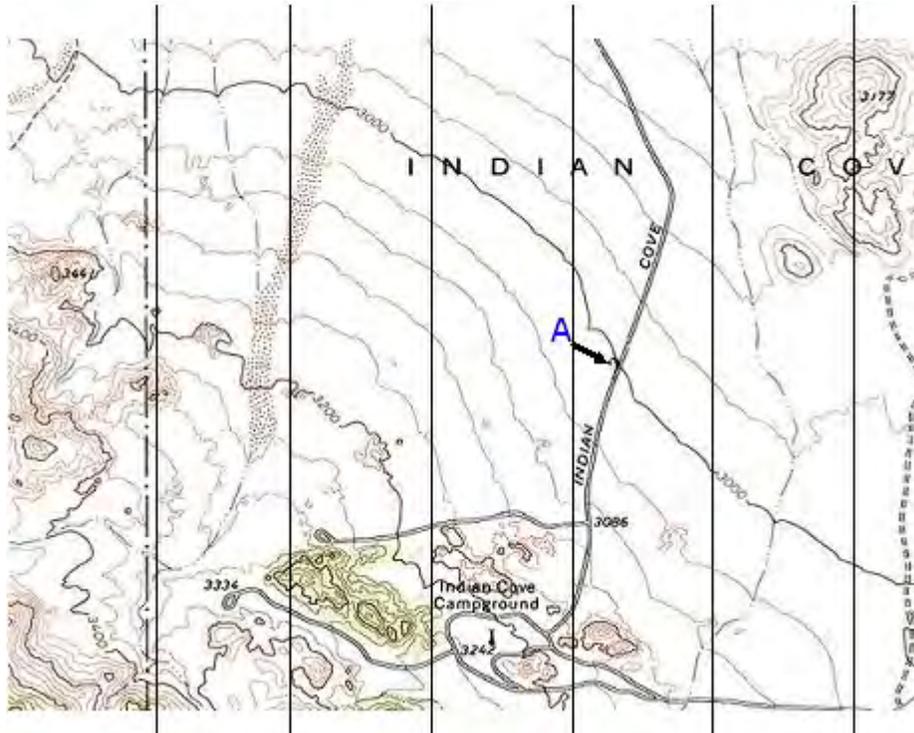


Practice Exercises

Using the map below, answer the following questions:

1. What is the bearing from Point A to Peak 3177? _____
2. What is the bearing from Point A to Peak 3441? _____
3. You are somewhere on the Indian Cove Road (the same road that Point A is on). Your bearing to Peak 3177 is $70^\circ\phi$. Place an "X" on the location where you are at.
4. Your bearing to Peak 3177 is 52° and your bearing to Peak 3441 is 296° . The intersection of these two bearing lines is where you are at. Place an "Y" on the map where you are at.

Answers will be supplied in the next issue.



Upcoming Navigation Events

Our Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle will be on August 5, 2012. This will be our fourth summer at Mt. Pinos and in prior years we were rewarded with weather much cooler than in the Los Angeles basin. We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 23, 2012, for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle.

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

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